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GET ALONG GANG™

ON THE TRAIL OF THE
MISSING CABOOSE!





As you can see on page 11 The Blunders have baby troubles! Can you remember being a baby? Even if you can't then I'm sure you've got plenty of photos of yourself as a baby. Why not ask several of your friends to each find a photo of themselves as a baby. Then mix all the photos up and try and guess who they are! It can be quite difficult. Most people look quite different with no hair and a big nappy!

GANG PROJECT



HI GANG!

Rudyard's on the trail of our stolen Clubhouse Caboose this week and we certainly have our work cut out trying to find it again! Where can it be?! I haven't a clue!

You too can use your detecting skills on pages 7 and 16, and on page 8 you can read all about Detective Gumboots – the famous crimefighter! Meanwhile The Blunders start a nursery in a bid to make some money and Cloro and Digby can finally return home in the last part of their present adventure. Ah well, I'd better go and put my deerstalker on!

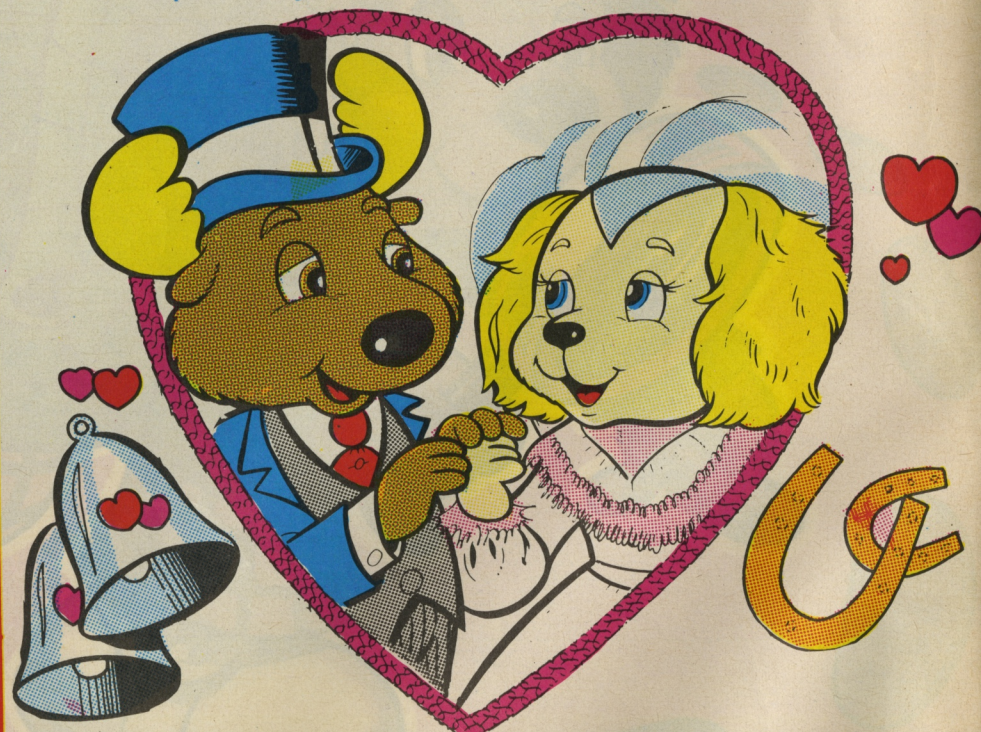
Montgomery



NEXT WEEK:

SPECIAL ROYAL WEDDING ISSUE!

There'll be a map of the Royal route to the church plus Royal stories and Regal games!



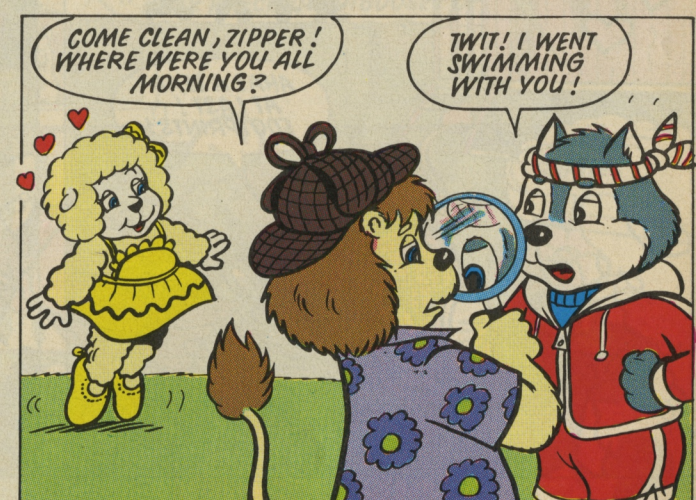
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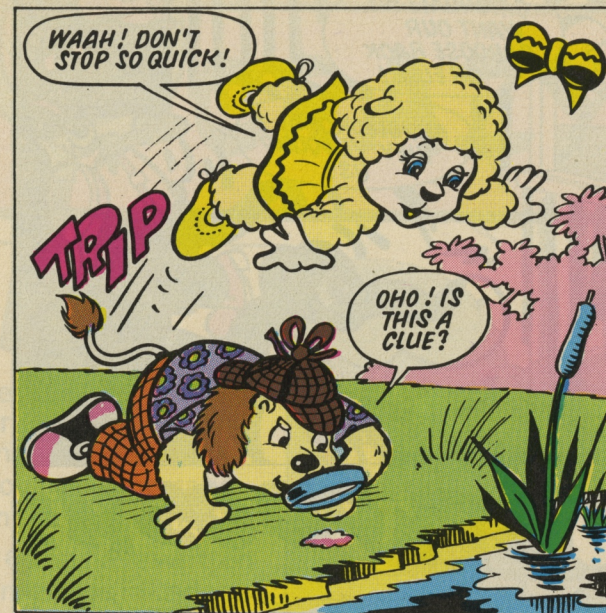
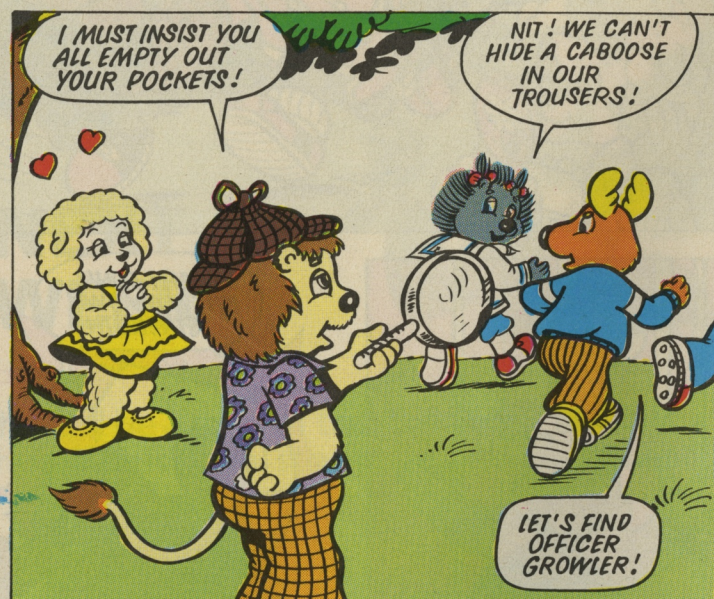
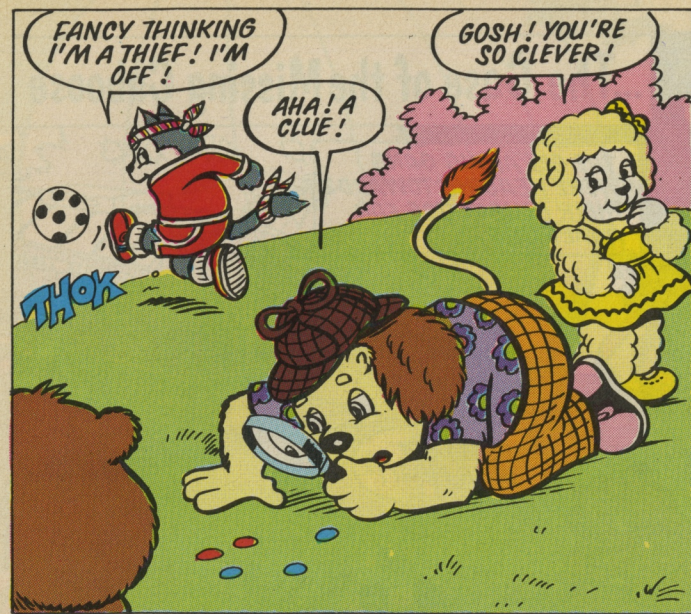
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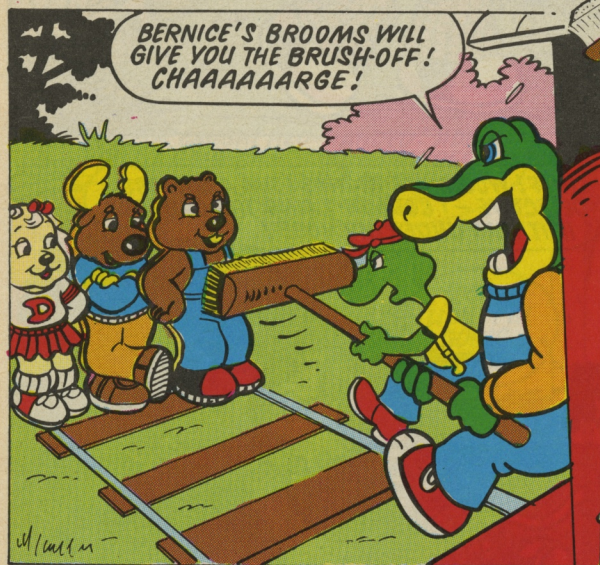
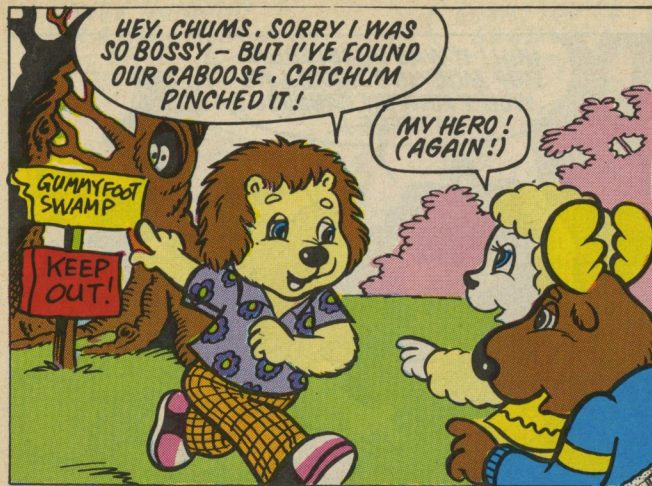
...The Case of the Missing Caboose

THE GET ALONG GANG WERE HEADING TOWARDS THEIR CLUBHOUSE FOR A MEETING...

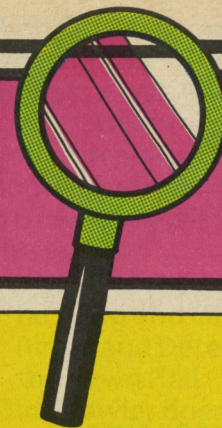


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NEXT WEEK: The Gang come face to face with a vulture!

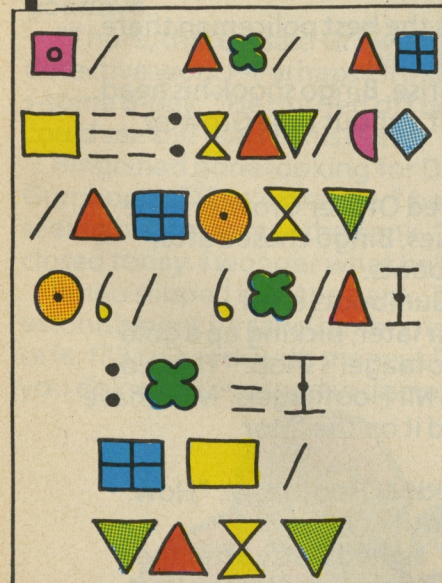


CRAZY CODE!



Detective Rudyard and his trusty assistant Montgomery have discovered a message from the rest of the Gang.

The Gang have written the message in code so that Catchum and Leland won't be able to read it! The two detectives are now trying to work out what the message says. Why don't you grab a pencil and paper and lend them a hand! The answer's at the bottom of the page.



CODE

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ANSWER: We are at Hooftagels eating ice cream - from the Gang.

THE GREAT DETECTIVE!

Detective Gumboots reckons that he's the greatest crimefighter since Sherlock Holmes! But the Gang soon detect that he's not quite what he seems!



A great detective had come to Green Meadow and the Gang had hurried along to find out what he was like.

"I, Detective Gumboots, ace crimefighter, bid you welcome," announced the detective as he appeared at the Town Hall. "I am sure you all feel humble at meeting me."

"Huh! Modest, isn't he?" scowled Woolma.

"Yes, he reminds me of you!" Portia smiled.

"Chomp! If you're so... Guzzle!... clever, solve a... Cruunnch!... crime," challenged Lolly, her mouth full of gobstoppers.

Mrs Tweet came hurrying up, looking very upset. "Oh, help! My gold brooch has gone missing! I left it on the window ledge and now it's gone!"

"Leave it to me," said Officer Growler. "This is a job for the police."

"Silly old duffer," snorted Detective Gumboots. "You're too old for this. It's time someone younger kept the law in Green Meadow."

"Officer Growler is the best policeman there is," Montgomery snapped.

To the Gang's surprise, Bingo shook his head. "Gumboots is right. It's about time Growler retired."

The Gang followed Officer Growler as he searched for clues. Bingo chased after Detective Gumboots.

"Aha! Found it!" Gumboots cried triumphantly an hour later, picking up a gold brooch inside Mr Hoofnagel's shop. "This old goat," he pointed to Mr Hoofnagel. "Must have stolen it and dropped it on the floor accidentally."

"What?!" blustered Mr Hoofnagel. "How dare you! I'm innocent!"

"Poor Hoofnagel," sighed Dotty after the Mayor had ordered Officer Growler to arrest him. "He would never steal from anyone. He's too kind."

"And Officer Growler may lose his job," groaned Portia. "The Mayor is giving him and Gumboots a test. Whoever finds his chain of office that went missing last night will be given the job of keeping the law in Green Meadow." Montgomery grinned. "Then we'll have to help Growler find it first. It'd be just awful if he lost his job."

The Gang and Officer Growler stood facing Bingo and Detective Gumboots outside the Town Hall.

"Old Growler doesn't stand a chance," scoffed Bingo. "Gumboots will find the chain first—bet on it!"

"Fancy Bingo siding with that rotter," Zipper said crossly. "He should be sticking with us to help Officer Growler."

"Let's try over here," said Rocco, pushing Growler towards an alley.

"No, over here," cried Montgomery, dragging Growler towards a field.

"Silly! It's here for sure," said Lolly, pulling the tired policeman to yet another place. The Gang spent so much time arguing where to look, Officer Growler didn't have time to look anywhere properly.

"We've found it!" cheered Bingo, running up with the chain in his hand. "Gumboots discovered it under the Mayor's car. It must have fallen off there."

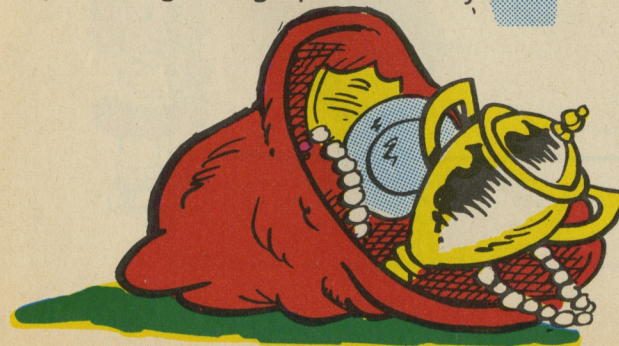
The Gang were horrified. "It's all our fault!" wailed Woolma. "If we hadn't been so busy disagreeing, Officer Growler might have found it first. Now he'll lose his job!"

"Sniff! We'll m-miss you!" Portia cried as the Gang helped Officer Growler to pack his belongings and followed him to the outskirts of Green Meadow to say goodbye.

"There, there," said Growler kindly. "The best detective won. P-Perhaps I'll meet you all again, s-some d-day." He hurried off before the Gang could see the tears in his eyes.

Bingo had gone looking for Detective Gumboots. "That's strange," he frowned, seeing his hero enter the bank. "The bank's closed today. I wonder what he's up to?"

Bingo slipped into the bank. To his astonishment he saw Gumboots at the opened safe, filling a sack with money! "W-What are you doing?" he gasped in dismay.



Gumboots grabbed tightly hold of Bingo. "Fool! I only wanted to beat Growler to get the keys to the bank!" he hissed. "I stole the brooch and chain and put them where I could find them first. Now that everyone trusts me I can rob this bank and escape before anyone realises what's happened!"

Gumboots quickly tied up Bingo with rope and hurried out of the bank. "Oh, no!" Bingo groaned. "The Gang were right about him. What a fool I've been."

Using his sharp teeth, Bingo gnawed his way free of the ropes and ran off to find his friends.

"Yuk! I'm free!" cackled Gumboots, running into Gummyfoot Swamp. "No one can catch me n-oooow!"

He cried out as his foot tripped over a rope tied between two bushes. Then a large net fell down out of a tree over him.

"Gotcha!" grinned Bingo as the Gang and Officer Growler appeared. "I told the others what you'd done. We knew you had to come this way so we took a short cut and worked together to set a trap for you."

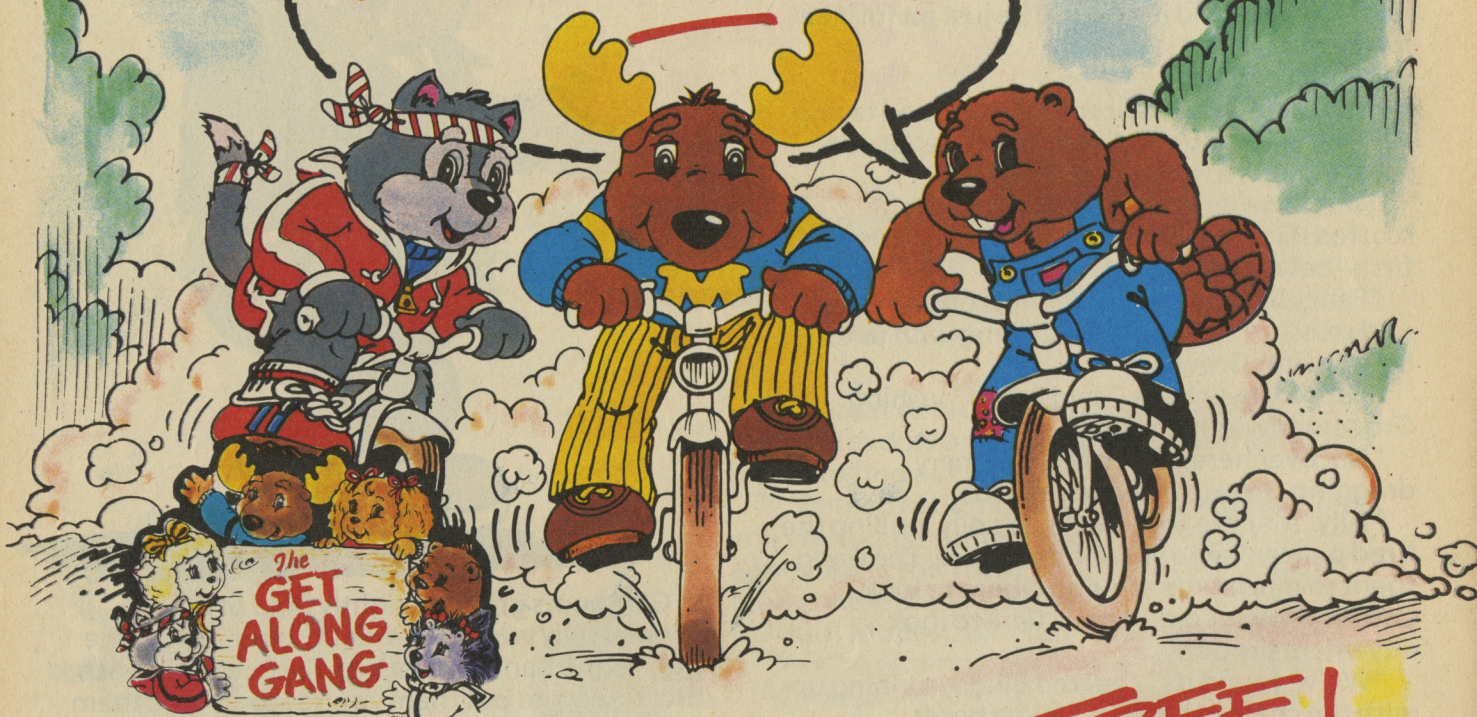
Officer Growler's hand clamped down on the villain. "I arrest you in the name of the law," he said proudly.

Back in Green Meadow, Mr Hoofnagel was released from jail and Growler was given his job back.

"If it wasn't for you lot I'd still be without a job," Growler said to the Gang. "I invite you all to a slap-up meal at Hoofnagel's."

Bingo grinned, happy to be with his friends again. "Ha! Ha! I don't need to be a great detective to know I'm going to enjoy this!"

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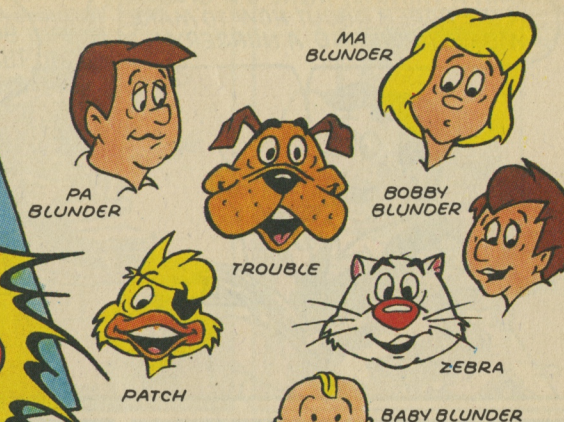
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FRANKIE HOWARD'S THE BLUNDERS



TIMES WERE HARD AT
VILLA SHAMBLES AND
MA WAS WORRIED...

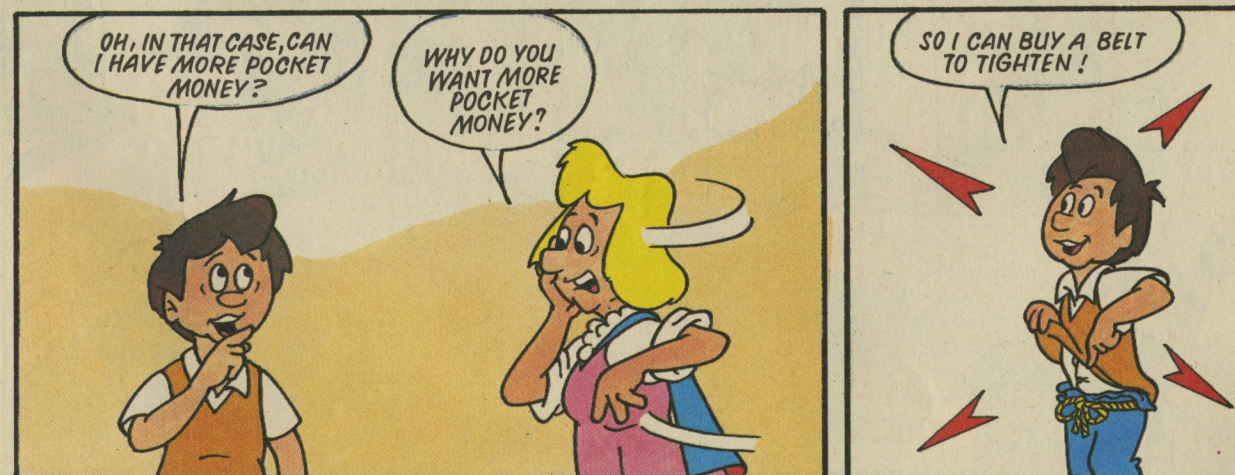
BILLS, BILLS, BILLS
AND MORE BILLS! IF I
HAD A POUND FOR EVERY
BILL I'VE RECEIVED, I
STILL WOULDN'T HAVE
ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY
THEM! WE'LL JUST
HAVE TO TIGHTEN OUR
BELTS!

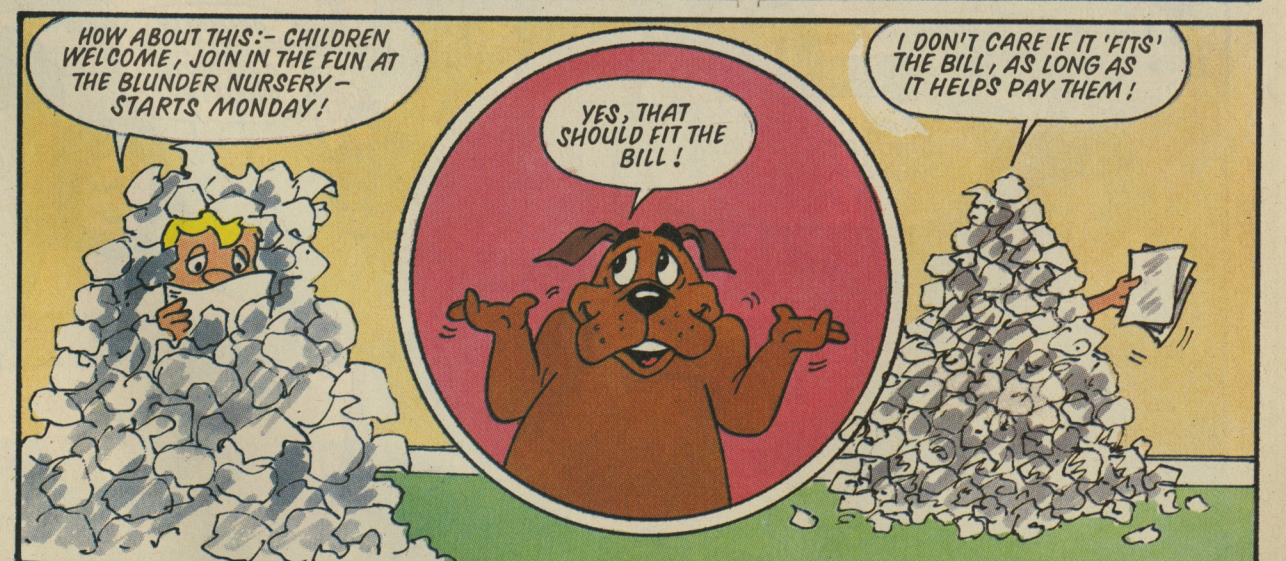
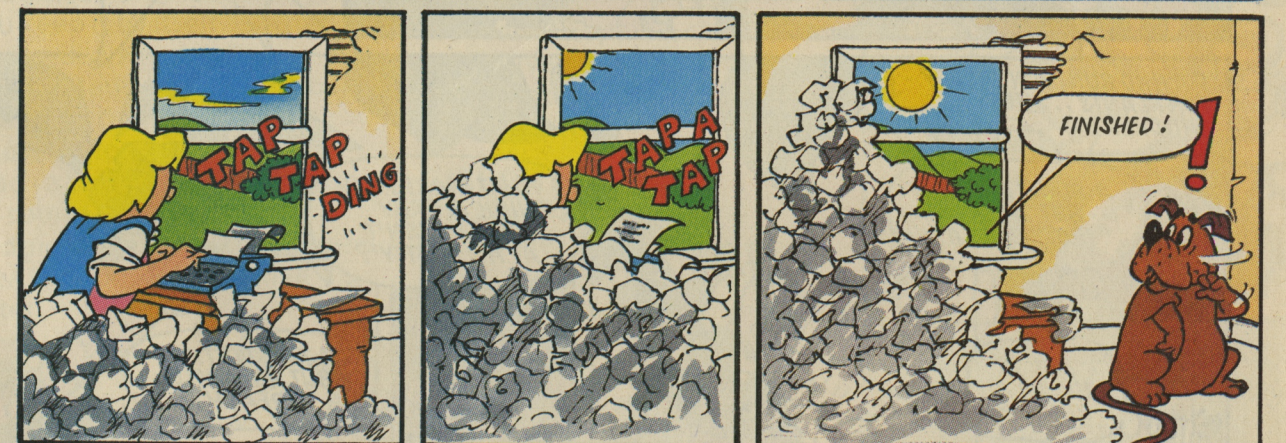
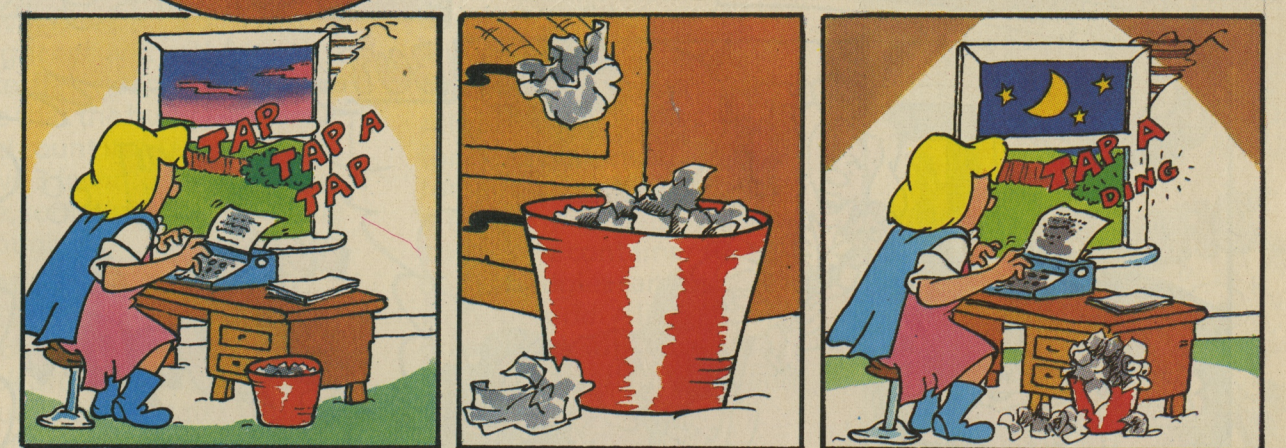
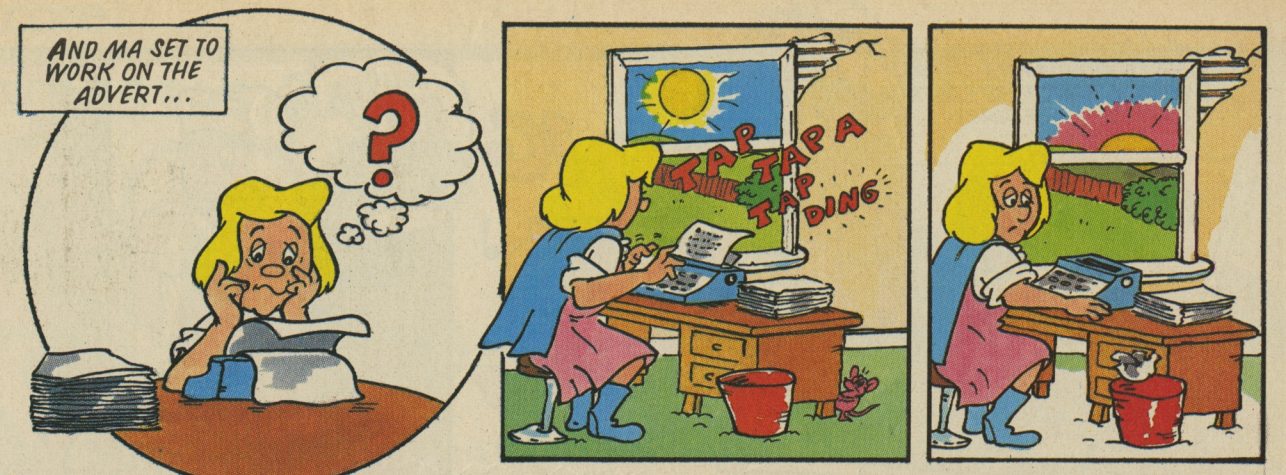
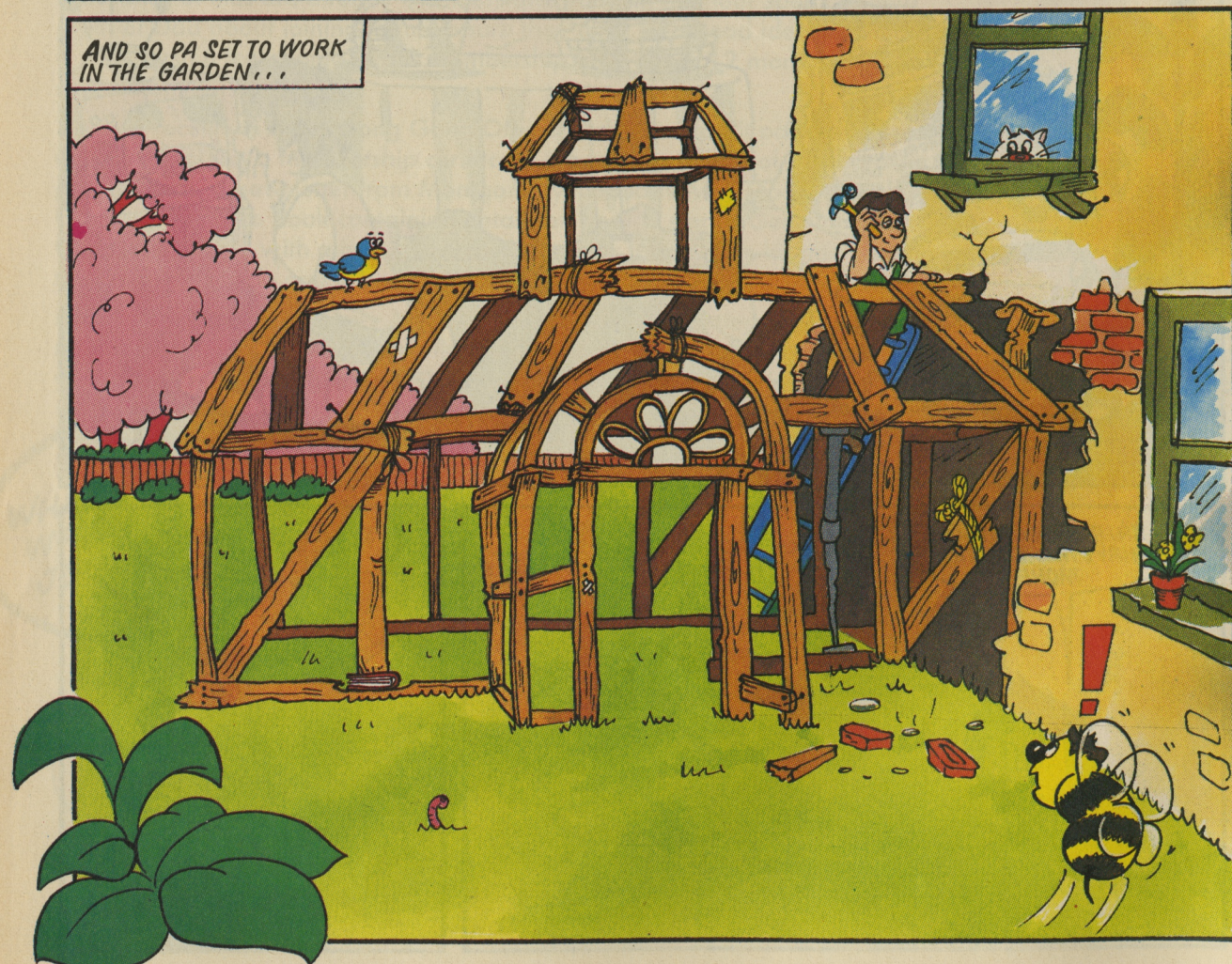


OH, IN THAT CASE, CAN
I HAVE MORE POCKET
MONEY?

WHY DO YOU
WANT MORE
POCKET
MONEY?

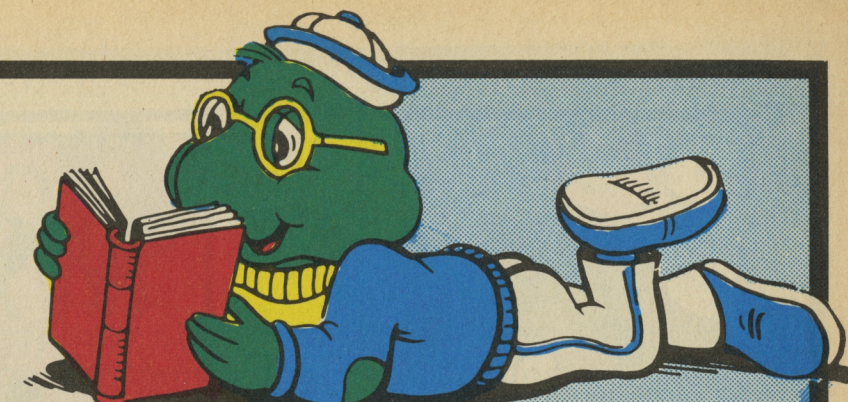
SO I CAN BUY A BELT
TO TIGHTEN!







AS EASY AS ABC



CHOOSING A BUDGIE

Always look for a bird with a bright eye and with plenty of nice, flat, clean, shiny feathers. See that the budgie is active and count its toes! It should have 3 front toes and 1 back toe, sometimes they lose one though!

WHY THEY'RE FUN TO KEEP!

Budgies are easy and cheap to look after. You can also teach your budgie to talk! Your budgie can only learn to talk if you keep it by itself as other birds will distract it. Boy budgies tend to make the best talkers (girls make the best biters!). Most people try and teach a bird its name first. The ee sound is the one that budgies copy best, so it's a good idea to choose a name like Peter.

WHERE THEY LIVE

Buy a big, solid cage – the bigger the better!

FOOD

All you need is one container for clean water and another for seed: a mixture of canary seed and millet is best. Check and fill the containers every day as budgies cannot go long without food. A little bit of green food, such as apple or lettuce, is good for them and they love millet sprays!

LIFESPAN

5-6 years if kept in a cage, but they'll live longer if they're allowed to fly around the room occasionally.

GIRL OR BOY?

The boys have a blue cere (that's the little lump on the top of the beak) and the girls have a pink cere.



BUDGIE

book choice



The Care Bears Annual compiled and edited by Etta Saunders. Published by Marvel Comics. Price: £3.50.

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MYSTERY MAZE!

Poor old Wooma's very upset! Her favourite necklace has been stolen! Detective Rudyard is hot on the trail help him find his way through the maze to catch the crooked croc and return the necklace!

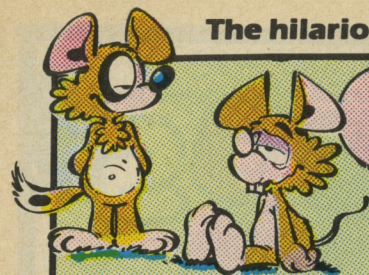


LAMOTT & BRADSHAW

Colouring Chaos!

Detective Rudyard's certainly been having a busy time! Now he's investigating some mysterious footprints. Could they belong to the crooked croc in the opposite corner?

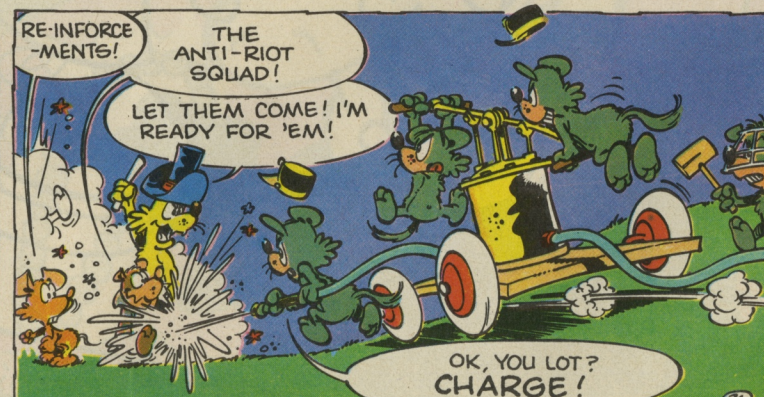
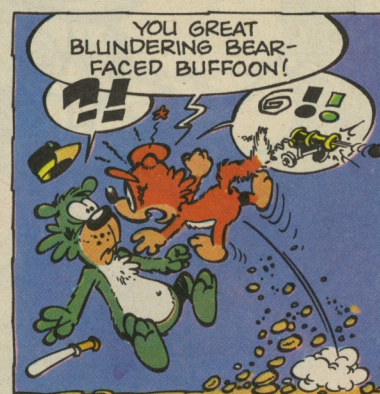
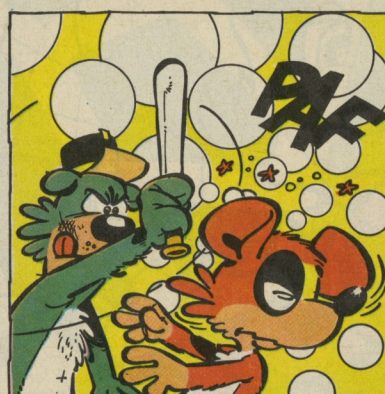
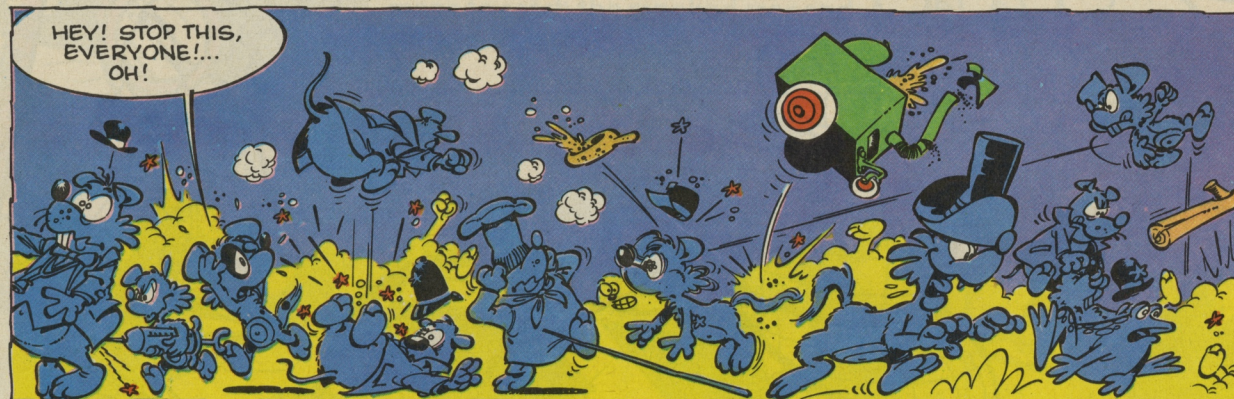




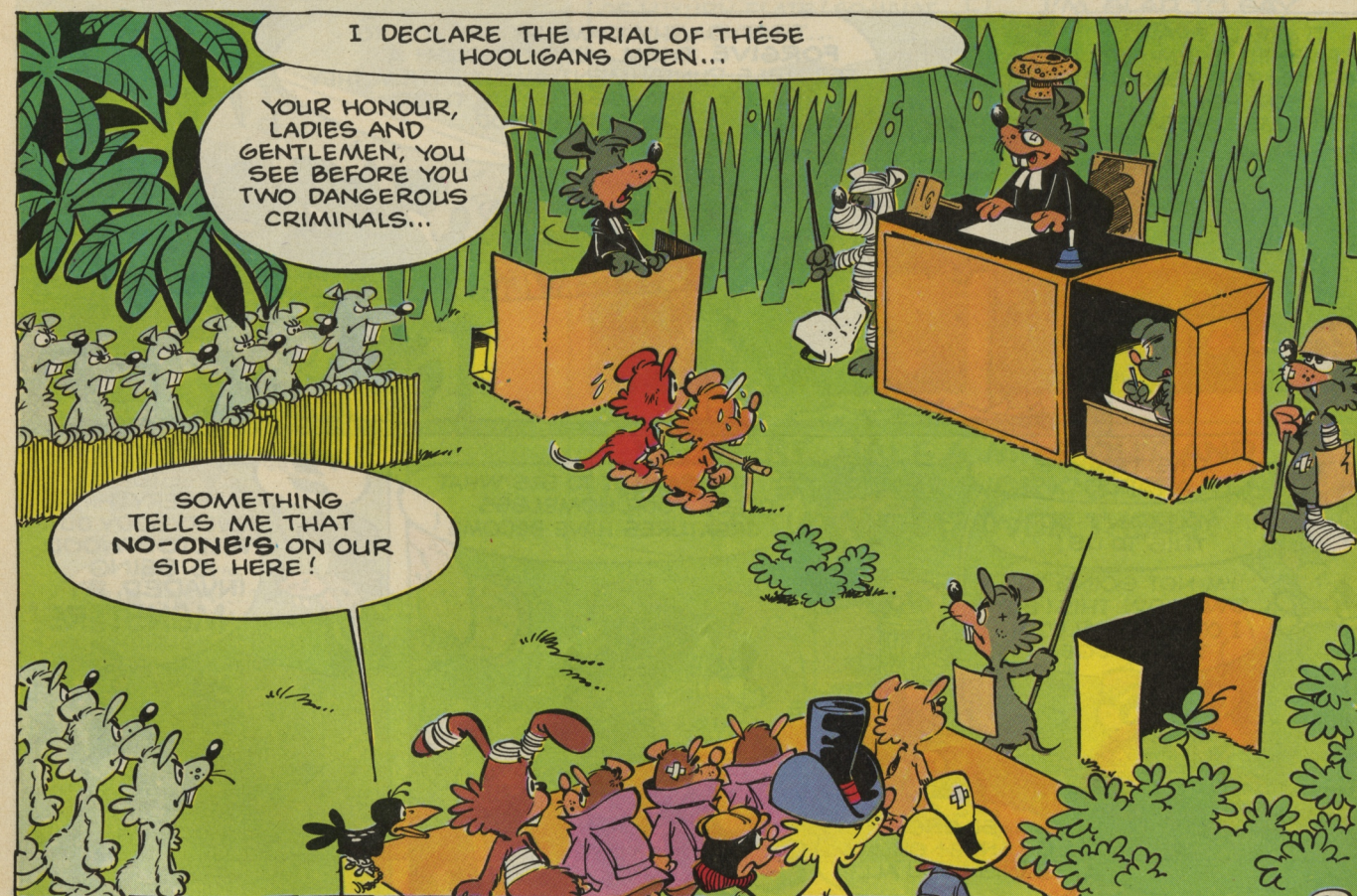
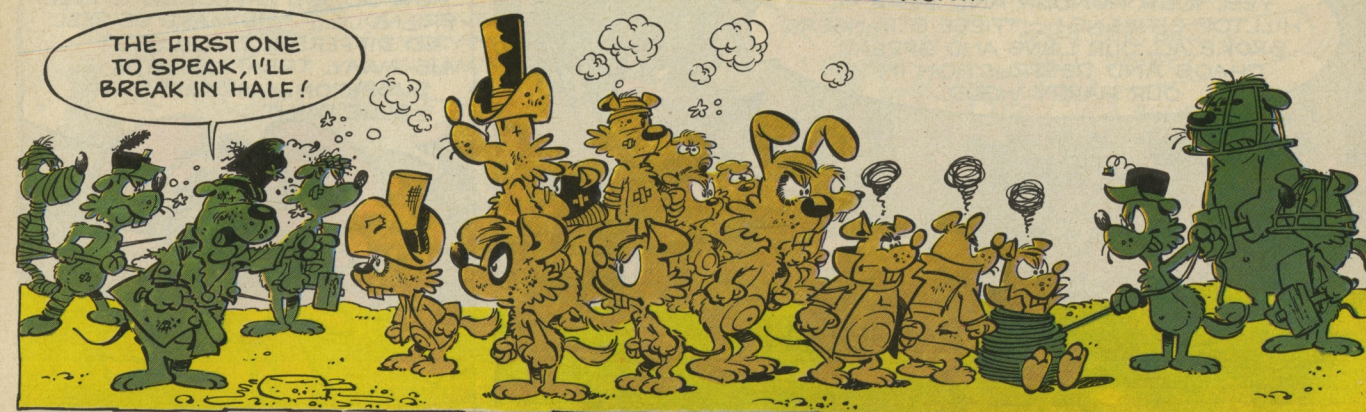
The hilarious adventures of two little field mice and their country friends!

CLORO AND DIGBY

Cloro and Digby have started a fight...



IN THE END, I'M AFRAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION ABOUT WHO'D WON...





YES, YOUR HONOUR AND DEAR HILLTOP CITIZENS!... THESE STRANGERS BROKE ALL OUR LAWS AND SPREAD CHAOS AND DESTRUCTION IN OUR HAPPY WOOD...

BUT THAT'S RUBBISH!



HOW DO YOU EXPECT US TO FEEL FRIENDLY IF YOU MAKE US FEEL SO DIFFERENT? YOU SHUT US AWAY, TREAT US WITH SUSPICION, MARK US WITH BLUE PAINT...



THE ACCUSED HAS LOST HIS HEAD! HE IS RANTING AND RAVING, AND I MUST REMIND THE COURT THAT THIS IS A CALM AND ORDERED PLACE... ANYWAY, IT'S NOT HIS TURN TO SPEAK. WE MUST HEAR THE LAWYER WHO IS...



...ACTING FOR THEM...

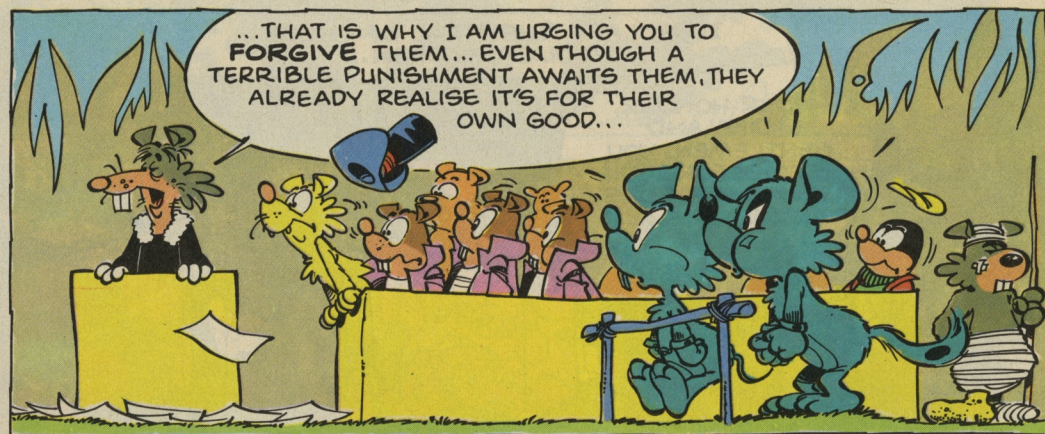
OH ME? ER...RUMPH
...URRMH



I APPEAL TO YOU ALL IN HILLTOP WOOD! THESE TWO ANIMALS ARE INNOCENT!



THEIR DESPAIR PUSHED THEM INTO CRIME! THEY COULD NOT HELP THEMSELVES!



...THAT IS WHY I AM URGING YOU TO FORGIVE THEM... EVEN THOUGH A TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT AWAITS THEM, THEY ALREADY REALISE IT'S FOR THEIR OWN GOOD...



THIS TRIAL IS A FARCE!

YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO US!

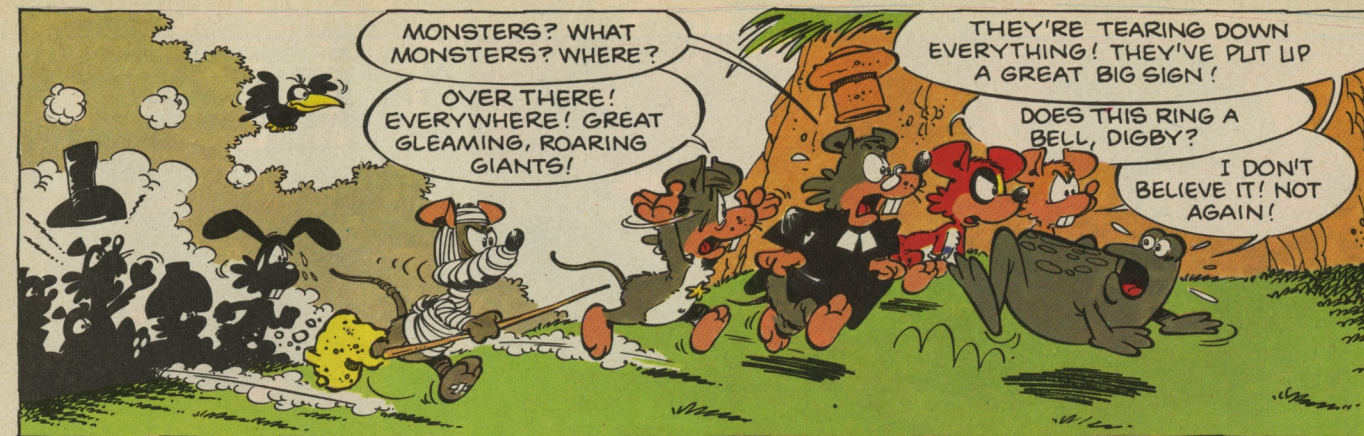
I'M NOT GOING TO SWALLOW THIS! BUT I COULD SWALLOW THAT JUDGE!

SILENCE! SILENCE! OR I'LL BANISH YOU ALL!

IT'S PAINFUL TO SEE WHAT THESE POOR HOMELESS CREATURES HAVE BECOME!



STOP EVERYTHING! EVERYBODY OUT! HILLTOP WOOD IS BEING INVADIED BY MONSTERS!



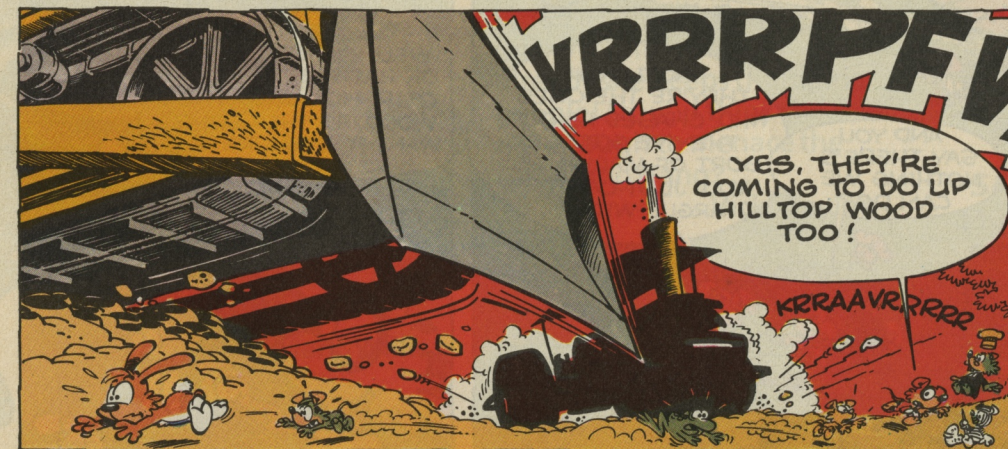
MONSTERS? WHAT MONSTERS? WHERE?

OVER THERE! EVERYWHERE! GREAT GLEAMING, ROARING GIANTS!

THEY'RE TEARING DOWN EVERYTHING! THEY'VE PLUT UP A GREAT BIG SIGN!

DOES THIS RING A BELL, DIGBY?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! NOT AGAIN!



YES, THEY'RE COMING TO DO UP HILLTOP WOOD TOO!

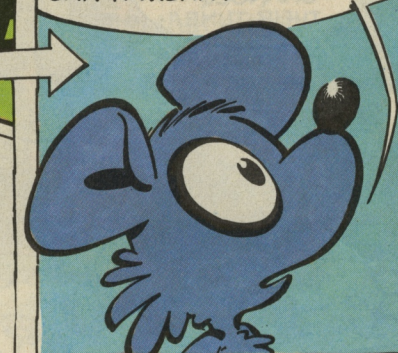


IT'S AMAZING! SO OUR LITTLE WOOD WASN'T ENOUGH FOR THEM?

BUT LOOK... THE SIGN...

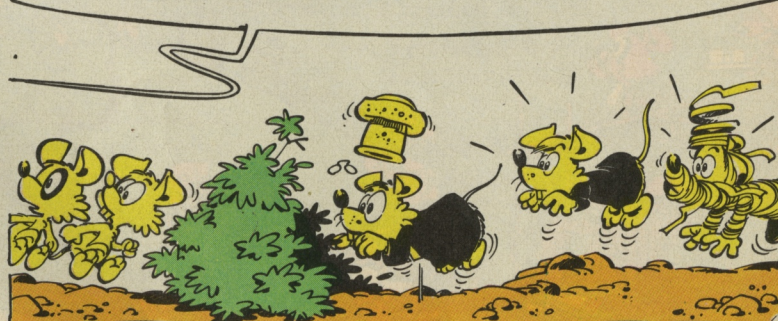


THEY CAN'T HAVE TWO SETS OF LUXURY FLATS! SO WHAT CAN IT MEAN?

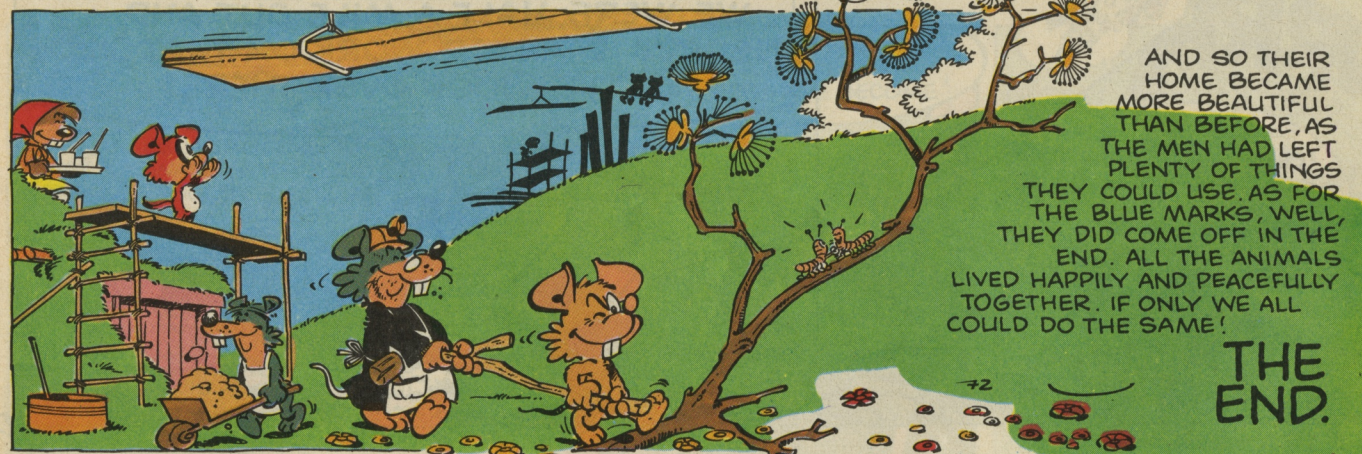
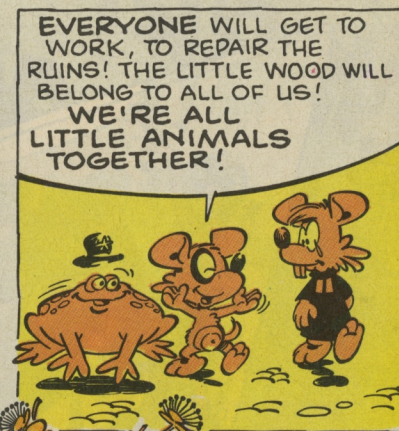
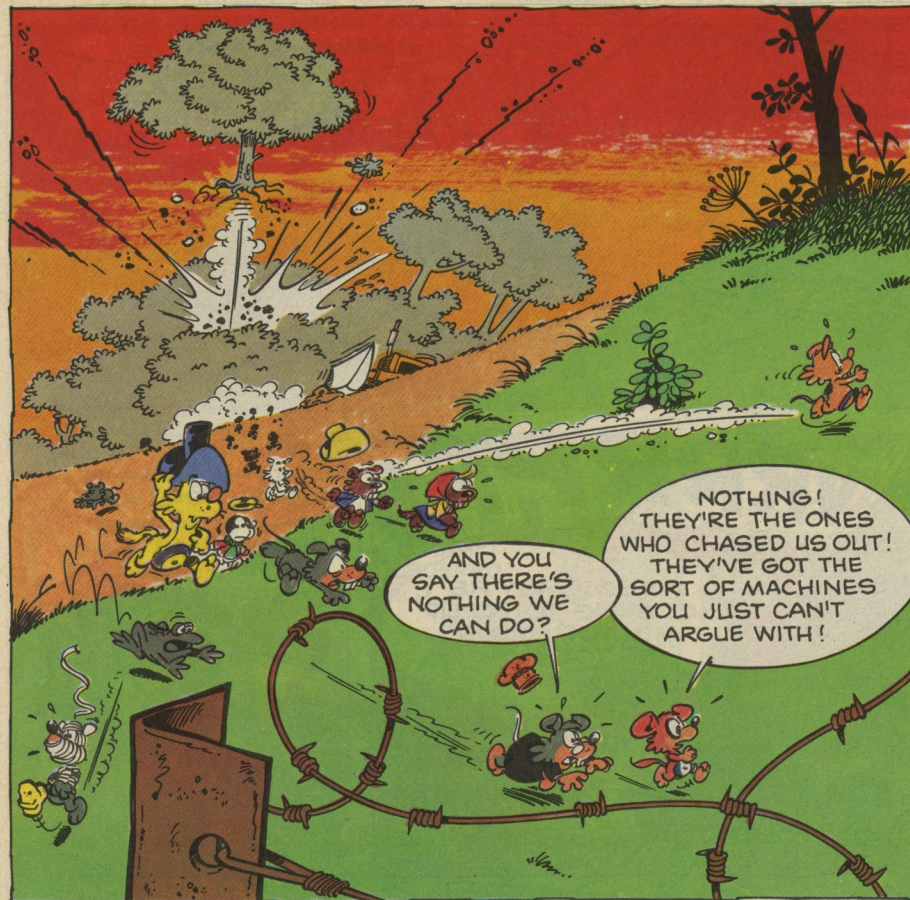


I'M GLAD TO SAY WE SPOTTED THE MISTAKE IN TIME, MR. BLOGGS...

WE WERE HALF A MILE OUT AND NEARLY STARTED WORK ON THAT SILLY LITTLE WOOD OVER THERE!



IT'S... IT'S OUR SIGN!... THE ONE THEY RAMMED THROUGH OUR FRIEND'S ROOF!



THE
END.

NEXT WEEK: A new adventure for the creatures of Little Wood!

LETTERS TO



BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY

Philip Thompson will be 7.

SUNDAY

Mark David Wilson will be 6, Jamie Fletcher will be 8, Kerry Ritchie will be 8 and Jane Staney will be 12.

MONDAY

Daniel Brook will be 3, Julie Lloyd will be 7 and Antonia Stocken will be 10.

TUESDAY

Katie Rose Manners will be 3, Andrew Anderson will be 7, Hazel Morton will be 7, Claire-Ann Buchan will be 8, Simon Ronksley will be 8, Fay Burrell will be 10 and Sarah Mawrey will be 12.

WEDNESDAY

Sam Wallace will be 5, Davinia May will be 7, Sarah Mills will be 7, Claire Lugton will be 7, Emma Louise Harrod will be 11, Caroline Ann Jackson will be 11 and Montgomery Moose will be a year older!

THURSDAY

Nicholas Miller will be 5.

FRIDAY

Claire Day will be 7 and Suzanne Mitchell will be 10.



BABY BULLY!

Dear Catchum,
I have a baby sister who's only 9 months old and already she keeps thumping people! Do you think she's old enough to menace the Get Along Gang?

Vicki Taylor.

Chortle! She sounds great! No one's ever too young to menace the ghastly Get Along Gang!

LOVELY LELAND!

Dear Leland,
I think you are lovely! I love you very much! Why do you go around with that rotten Catchum?

Lots and lots of love,
Katy Bulpitt.

Swoon! Oooh - I'm blushing so much that I can hardly write! What a great letter! I can't leave Catchum though or he'd thump me!

CATCHUM LOVES LOLLY!

Dear Catchum,
Have you ever been in love?

Carole Ann Sutton.

Well, I did have a romance with Lolly Squirrel - she loved me passionately of course! Unfortunately the stupid Get Along Gang ruined things before I could get my hands on her Dad's candy factory, so it wasn't really what you could call a sweet romance!

What is green and white and jumps?
A frog sandwich!

Mark Willis.

What's a ghost's favourite meal?
Ghoulash!

Mandy Wyatt.

A man went into a restaurant and said "I would like some crocodile soup and make it snappy!"
PS: I wonder if they used the best crockery!

Amanda Hatcher.

A SPECIAL SQUIDGY HELLO TO...

Laura Jane Hayes who was 9 on 30th June and her brother Wesley who is in hospital at the moment. Get well soon Wesley!

Write to:- Mr. C. Crocodile.
Gummyfoot Swamp.
Marvel Comics.
23, Redan Place.
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